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SUBJECT: CIVAIR, CHARTER, ROUTES AND TERMINAL PROBLEMS

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(D) SEOUL 1932, (E) SEOUL 1931

1. EMBOFF MET WITH NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL
KOREA CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU (KCAB) LEE JONG-CHOON
AND SUNG KI-YONG, DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION KCAB, TO DISCUSS BROAD RANGE OF CIVAIR ISSUES
REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED. EMBOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR KCAB'S APPROVAL NW'S MARCH 30 ABC CHARTER FLIGHT.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT KCAB'S REQUIREMENTS FOR 30-DAY
ADVANCE NOTICE AND PASSENGER INFORMATION WAS OUTSIDE
U.S. RULES AND THAT STATEMENT IN MARCH 4 KCAB LETTER
THAT "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN RULES WILL APPLY WITH RESPECT
TO CHARTER FLIGHTS OPERATED TO AND FROM KOREA" NOT
TOTALLY CORRECT. DIRECTOR GENERAL LEE FELT THAT
SINCE USCAB RQUIRED SUCH NOTIFICATION IT WAS
PROPER KCAB RECEIVED SIMILAR INFORMATION AS PART OF
ABC CHARTER RULES. EMBOFF DID NOT DISPUTE KCAB'S
RIGHT TO IMPOSE THIS CONDITION. FROM DISCUSSION
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THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME MISCOMPREHENSION AS TO
EXACT DEFINITION OF "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN" RULE AMONG
KOREAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS.

3. TURNING TO FLYING TIGERS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS,
EMBOFF POINTED OUT RIGIDITY OF KCAB'S POSITION ON
FTL'S PORPOSED INBOUND FLIGHT TAIPEI-SEOUL-TOKYO-

U.S., PRINCIPALLY USING ARGUMENT SET FORTH
PARAGRAPH 3 (C) STATE 047103. DIRECTOR GENERAL
STATED THAT THIRD COUNTRY AS ORIGIN OF DEPARTURE
OF NEW FLIGHT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A "BEYOND"
UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION
HE AGREED TO HAVE KCAB'S LEGAL EXPERTS PROVIDE THEM
INTERPRETATION OF "BEYOND" AND "IN BOTH DIRECTIONS"
AND ADVISE EMBASSY.

4. DIRECTOR GENERAL THEN RAISED ISSUE OF USCAB'S
"DISSATISFACTION" WITH KAL'S PROPOSED MINIMUM TEN
DAY STAY PROVISION FOR GROUP INCLUSIVE TOUR FARES
(REF E). HE INTIMATED THAT A MORE FORTHCOMING U.S.
POSITION ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT RESULT IN GREATER
FLEXIBILITY ON FTL SCHEDULE PROBLEM. EMBOFF AGREED
TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE USCAB WOULD RECONSIDER ITS
POSITION ON THIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. AT HIS OWN INITIATIVE, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
RAISED THE CARGO TERMINAL PROBLEM, REFERRING TO
EMBASSY'S MARCH 15 LETTER. HE STATED THAT SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO AIRLINES' PARTICIPA-
TION IN THE OPERATION OF THE TERMINAL RATHER THAN A
SINGLE OPERATOR. LEE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION BY
AIRLINES COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BUT THAT KCAB INTENDED
TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THE ECONOMIC
PLANNING BOARD. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE ADVISED OF THE
FINAL DECISION IN A WRITTEN REPLY TO ITS MARCH 15
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6. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL REQUESTED INFORMATION ON
THE RESULTS OF USCAB'S RECONSIDERATION OF KAL'S OFF
CHARTER APPLICATION. EMBOFF AGREED TO INFORM AS SOON
AS WE WERE APPRISED OF OUTCOME FROM WASHINGTON. PLEASE
ADVISE ASAP.
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